

GOSSIP OF THE RACETRACK.

WONDERFUL RACE OF IRISH LAD AND ORT WELLS.

Turkmen Believe That Hermis Would Have Been Beaten by Them—The Drake and McKeen to Have Realization at His Appear—Improvements at Brighton.

If Hermis had remained in the East and started in the Advance Handicap race on Saturday, could he have beaten Irish Lad and Ort Wells? Turkmen were busy asking this question all day yesterday, and the general opinion in answer to the query was that Hermis would have been defeated. The early race in the Advance was terrific. If Hermis had been a starter he would have been compelled to run faster than he did in the Suburban to keep on even terms with Irish Lad, who showed the way for the first mile, Delhi, who killed him at the end of the race, and Ort Wells, who ran the greatest race of his career and stands today highest in the estimation of the turf followers who have been anxious to crown him king all the season.

To run a mile and three furlongs in 2:17-2, a new world's record that will probably stand for some time to come, is a feat that only a champion racehorse could perform. Turkmen say that Hermis could never show such a wonderful turn of speed and stand the strain to the end of such a journey as did Irish Lad and Ort Wells, for the experts are inclined to give advantage to the latter. With Hildebrand instead of Shur in the saddle Irish Lad showed a vast improvement over his performances in the Brooklyn and Suburban handicaps. He ran and came to all right, following the principle that the shortest way home is always the best. Irish Lad did not try to bear out, but acted meanly at the post without blinkers and he was a greater racehorse than the public had learned to believe. There is no doubt that Hildebrand did much to improve Irish Lad, but the colt himself displayed a marvelous improvement. It was well expected. Perhaps it was just as well that Hermis was beaten in the World's Fair Handicap, for a defeat in the Advance Stakes would have gone far to dim the lustre of his Suburban laurels.

Ort Wells is the star three-year-old. There can be very little doubt about this. In fact some shrewd turfmen were inclined to the belief yesterday that the Drake colt is the best racehorse in the world today. He is certainly in the class with Irish Lad, Hermis and other great horses of an older age. Mr. Drake believes that the colt has the rich Latent Realization at his command. The race will be held on Tuesday, and Ort Wells will probably meet Graziallo, another high class colt, Delhi, Mercury, Stallion, Conquer, St. Valentine and others. The distance is a mile and three furlongs, a quarter of a mile farther than the Advance, and the conditions call for regular stakeweight with allowances.

Ort Wells is also eligible for the Spiniford, a one mile and one eighth, to be run at the Bay on Thursday. This is a handicap for three-year-olds, and the Drake colt will receive top weight from W. S. Vosburgh, in all probability. If he goes to the post he may meet a fairly good field, including the free for all, Graziello, Hullo, Pulsus, Wotan, Orthodox, Ormond's Right, Highball, Stallion, Dolly Spanker and Montrose.

What will probably be another sensational race is the commonwealth Handicap, a mile and a quarter, to be run Saturday. This event is a sort of Suburban Renewal, as it is built on the lines that governed that event last year. Hermis, Irish Lad, Ort Wells, Graziallo, Waterbury, Africander, Shortnose, Proper, Delhi, Major Danglefield, Highball, McKeeney and The Picket are among the eligibles. In alloting the weights Mr. Vosburgh gave the points to Hermis, as he is expected to concede weight to Irish Lad. The latter, however, will pick up a penalty for winning on Saturday. Mr. Thomas's crack racer will undoubtedly accept the impost, as the race will be worth about \$100 to the winner. Hermis's defeat at St. Louis by Colonial Girl came as a big surprise. The condition of the track, change of climate, long railroad ride and general strangeness of surroundings conspired to beat Mr. Thomas's horse, who will be kept in the East in future, where he will be able to race under more favorable circumstances.

When the gates of Brighton are opened Wednesday, the patron of the oldest of New York racing associations will find many changes which he cannot fail to appreciate. The big terrace which slopes away from the grand stand to the enclosure is being altered to the field enclosure. This slope is graded admirably throughout its entire length, so that from any part of it a perfect view of every part of the race is afforded. The new terrace might be said to be the new part of this terrace, the hotting pavilion has been moved back thirty feet and a wide, spreading roof built over the walk connecting it with the grand stand. It is estimated that the new terrace will hold more than 10,000 people more than ever witnessed a race at Brighton before may have a perfect view of every race.

The patrons of the field enclosure also will find that they have been well cared for. The stand has been raised and extended and new rows of seats added in front, until now its seating capacity is about twice as great as it formerly was. The new terrace, which covered walk has been erected, and an extension to the enclosure occupied by the layers of odds has also been added. There is a terrace along the entire length of the field stand, so that here, too, the patrons of the course may have an unobstructed view of the races.

One other change has been made, while it may not interest the public, cannot fail to appeal to owners and trainers. The association has decided to reserve the greater part of the paddock balcony for their exclusive use. From no part of the course can a better view of the races be had. The total record of all of the improvements since the last meeting approximates \$175,000.

Supt. Clark has the track in superb condition for the opening, Wednesday, July 6. The feature of the first day will be the Test Handicap, a mile and three furlongs. This race is at a mile—the only mile event on the programme—and with the best horses in training eligible to start in it stranger things have happened than that a new world's record for the distance should be made. The \$25,000 Brighton Handicap, the richest handicap run under the jurisdiction of the Jockey Club, will be decided on July 9, and if the precedents of the last two years are followed it will result in a record-making performance.

Young Corbett Posts \$1,000 for Fight With McGovern.

Young Corbett posted \$1,000 yesterday with George Considine to meet the fight with Terry McGovern. The latter has been looking for a fight for some time, and he is now ready to meet him. The fight will take place at night, and it is expected that it will be a very close one.

TO-DAY'S CARD FOR SHEEPSHEAD.

Beldame Meets Savable, Roehampton and Other Good Horses in Equality Stakes.

The Equality Stakes, at a mile, is one of the features at Sheepshead Bay this afternoon. Newton Bennington's great mare Beldame may have a chance to show what she can do with John A. Drake's Savable and High Chancellor, together with Roehampton and Grey Friar. In the handicap at a mile and an eighth Shortnose picks up 17 pounds, top weight. Eugenia Birch, Grey Friar, Arbutus, Mercury and Agnes are also in the race. J. E. Moore will try again to win with Hot Shot in the third event for two-year-olds, but he has St. Bellane, Water-side and Invader to beat. Hot Shot is also named to go in the first race, for maiden two-year-olds, together with John A. Drake's Britisher, Jerry C. and many others. Britisher will be a hot favorite. The other two races have filled with a fair lot of platers.

The entries are as follows:

First Race—For maiden two-year-olds; last five furlongs of Futurity course.	Second Race—Six furlongs on main track.
Hot Shot, 115 lbs.	Roehampton, 110 lbs.
Britisher, 115 lbs.	High Chancellor, 110 lbs.
Jerry C., 115 lbs.	Arbutus, 110 lbs.
Mercury, 115 lbs.	Agnes, 110 lbs.
St. Bellane, 115 lbs.	Water-side, 110 lbs.
Invader, 115 lbs.	Grey Friar, 110 lbs.
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GOOLF.

Handicap List of Women's Western Association.

A general handicap list, the first issued for women players in this country, has been prepared by the Women's Western Golf Association. There are over two hundred active players listed from the twenty-one clubs in membership. The list is headed by Mrs. B. S. Horne, Miss Bessie Anthony, Miss J. C. Chaffee-Taylor, Miss Frances Everett and Miss M. Higgins are next at the top. Other names include Mrs. W. A. Alexander, Mrs. H. B. Brower, Miss Elizabeth Congdon and Mrs. Harry New. All the others being in receipt of odds ranging from 1 to 12 strokes.

Dates for an invitation tournament at the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, on Aug. 4, 5 and 6, have been granted by the Metropolitan Golf Club in a match by a score of 14 to 8. This was the second of a series of matches between the two clubs. The first was won by the Shinnecock club by a score of 14 to 8. The third match will be played on the 11th of the month. The fourth match will be played on the 18th of the month. The fifth match will be played on the 25th of the month. The sixth match will be played on the 1st of the month. The seventh match will be played on the 8th of the month. The eighth match will be played on the 15th of the month. The ninth match will be played on the 22nd of the month. The tenth match will be played on the 29th of the month.

E. P. Martin, vice-president of the United States Golf Association, has been elected to the position of president of the association for the year 1905. He was elected by a vote of 14 to 8. The association was organized in 1894 and has since that time been the leading organization for the promotion of the game of golf in the United States. The association has a membership of over 10,000 members and has a total assets of over \$1,000,000. The association has a number of committees and a number of departments. The association has a number of offices and a number of buildings. The association has a number of courses and a number of clubs. The association has a number of tournaments and a number of events. The association has a number of awards and a number of honors. The association has a number of friends and a number of supporters. The association has a number of enemies and a number of opponents. The association has a number of friends and a number of supporters. The association has a number of enemies and a number of opponents.

ORANGE, June 26.—On the Essex Country Club links yesterday afternoon the Essex Country Club defeated the Orange Country Club in a match by a score of 14 to 8. This was the second of a series of matches between the two clubs. The first was won by the Essex club by a score of 14 to 8. The third match will be played on the 11th of the month. The fourth match will be played on the 18th of the month. The fifth match will be played on the 25th of the month. The sixth match will be played on the 1st of the month. The seventh match will be played on the 8th of the month. The eighth match will be played on the 15th of the month. The ninth match will be played on the 22nd of the month. The tenth match will be played on the 29th of the month.

PLAINEFIELD, June 26.—The Hildebrand Handicap, a mile and three furlongs, was won by Ort Wells, who beat Irish Lad by a head. The race was a very close one and was watched by a large crowd of spectators. The winner, Ort Wells, was owned by Mr. Drake and was trained by Mr. Hildebrand. Irish Lad was owned by Mr. Beldame and was trained by Mr. Roehampton. The race was a very close one and was watched by a large crowd of spectators.

WESTFIELD, June 26.—E. R. Perkins won the June Handicap at the Westfield Golf Club yesterday with a net score of 71. The race was a very close one and was watched by a large crowd of spectators. The winner, E. R. Perkins, was owned by Mr. Perkins and was trained by Mr. Perkins. The race was a very close one and was watched by a large crowd of spectators.

JAMAICA, June 26.—The event at the Highland Golf Club yesterday was an eighteen hole match between the Highland Golf Club and the Jamaica Golf Club. The Highland club won by a score of 14 to 8. This was the second of a series of matches between the two clubs. The first was won by the Highland club by a score of 14 to 8. The third match will be played on the 11th of the month. The fourth match will be played on the 18th of the month. The fifth match will be played on the 25th of the month. The sixth match will be played on the 1st of the month. The seventh match will be played on the 8th of the month. The eighth match will be played on the 15th of the month. The ninth match will be played on the 22nd of the month. The tenth match will be played on the 29th of the month.

CAPE MAY, June 26.—The third weekly handicap of the season on the local links yesterday afternoon was won by Mr. Hildebrand. He beat Mr. Beldame by a head. The race was a very close one and was watched by a large crowd of spectators. The winner, Mr. Hildebrand, was owned by Mr. Hildebrand and was trained by Mr. Hildebrand. The race was a very close one and was watched by a large crowd of spectators.

TOO HOT FOR FAST STEPPERS.

DRIVERS MAKE SHORT SOJOURN ON THE SPEEDWAY.

E. E. Smithers with the Trotter Dan Beats the Pacer Hugh Mack—Red George and Better Luck in Well Contested Brush—Johnny Agan Beaten.

Extreme heat is not a favorable factor for Speedway sport. The refreshing breeze elsewhere that was so welcome yesterday morning did not reach the Speedway stretch owing to the high cliffs. The sun was at its fiercest heat in complete control, and those owners who came to the drive made but a short sojourn.

E. E. Smithers has his first visit to the drive in many months. He sat behind the black trotter Dan, 2:17 1/2, and there was no trotter present in the class with Dan. Mr. Smithers selected the best competitor present and sent the black trotter two brushes against P. F. Brock's fast Hugh Mack, 2:18 1/2. Dan beat his rival decisively in each heat.

George Huber, behind the steady moving trotter Red George, 2:27 1/2, and Alexander Newburger, with the pacer Better Luck, had three well contested heats, the pacer winning the first two and the trotter the third. Smithers, with the pacer, and Alexander Newburger, with the pacer, had three well contested heats, the pacer winning the first two and the trotter the third.

Charles Welland, behind the pacer Johnny Agan, 2:19 1/2, and Alexander Newburger, with the pacer Better Luck, had three well contested heats, the pacer winning the first two and the trotter the third. Smithers, with the pacer, and Alexander Newburger, with the pacer, had three well contested heats, the pacer winning the first two and the trotter the third.

Col. W. C. Greene was among the early arrivals. He was with his trainer A. V. Klotzback with the mammoth pacer Cobie Grande, 2:19 1/2. He was with his trainer A. V. Klotzback with the mammoth pacer Cobie Grande, 2:19 1/2. He was with his trainer A. V. Klotzback with the mammoth pacer Cobie Grande, 2:19 1/2.

KRAMER'S GREAT FINISH.

Champion Wins Strenuous Stakes at Valley Forge Cycle Races.

Frank L. Kramer made a wonderful finishing sprint in the two mile "Strenuous Stakes" yesterday at the Valley Forge Cycle Races. He won the race by a head, beating his rival, John Smith, by a head. The race was a very close one and was watched by a large crowd of spectators.

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FIELDING AND BATTING RECORDS

Work of the Two New York Teams and the Brooklyn.

With the exception of Devlin and Wiltse, every one of the New York National regular players gained in batting last week. Devlin held the lead, but in being hard pushed by McGinnis, Brennan and Mertes used their sticks to good effect last week, gaining forty-three and forty points respectively. In team batting and team fielding a marked improvement has been shown.

Dougherty, the new addition to the New York Americans, is hitting the ball. In seven games played he has hit safely thirteen times and leads Griffith's fast team with an average of .347. In team batting the Americans rank among the best. They are hitting at an average of eleven points better than the New York Nationals and thirty points better than the Brooklyn. They also lead the opposition in team fielding by being two points behind their opponents.

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